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SUMMARY. MOST OF SENIOR AND POLICY-LEVEL BRITISH REPS
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CONCERNED WITH ILO WERE IN GENEVA OR ENROUTE ON ARRIVAL
OF STATE 38223. THOSE AVAILABLE IN DEPARTMENT OF
EMPLOYMENT OR FOREIGN OFFICE STATE THEY WILL HAVE TO
CONSULT WITH GENEVA COLLEAGUES PRIOR TO GIVING OFFICIAL
REACTION AND STATED THAT BRITISH GOVERNMENT DELEGATION
MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH US REPS IN GENEVA AND WOULD BE
DISCUSSING THE POINTS IN REF A. HMG POSITION REMAINS

ESSENTIALLY AS IN PARAGRAPH SIX OF REF C. BRITISH WORKER AND EMPLOYER REPS ALSO AWARE OF US VIEWS AS SET OUT IN REF A, AND INITIAL INFORMAL REACTION PRIOR TO DEPARTURES VERY FAVORABLE TO US ASSESSMENT OF TACTICS AND ISSUES. TUC GENERAL COUNCIL HAS REAFFIRMED POSITION AS IN REF D; AND TUC GENERAL SECRETARY MURRAY IN 23 FEBRUARY TIMES PRESS REMARKS HAS STRONGLY CRITICIZED "POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS" IN ILO AND "ABUSE OF ILO PROCEDURES". END SUMMARY.

1. EMBASSY DREW ON REFTEL A TO PROVIDE TEXTS OF POINTS SETTING FORTH US VIEWS TO FOREIGN OFFICE, AS WELL AS

- DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT OFFICIALS SHUTTLE BETWEEN GENEVA AND LONDON (HODGKINS, JAMES). HMG OFFICIALS STATED POINTS WERE UNDER DISCUSSION WITH US REPS IN GENEVA. INFORMALLY HMG OFFICIALS STATED THAT TONE AND SUMMATION PROVIDED OF US VIEWS MOST WELCOME AT THIS TIME BASIC HMG POSITION WE GATHERED REMAINS ESSENTIALLY SAME AS PARA SIX REF C, PARTICULARLY THAT NEGOTIATIONS WITH G-77 BASED ON IMEC PROPOSALS WERE TO BE CONSIDERED AS PACKAGE SUBJECT TO SATISFACTORY SOLUTIONS OF OTHER ISSUE HMG SOURCES NOTED AS PROGRESS IN NEGOTIATIONS G-77 AGREE TO KEEP ELECTORAL REGIONS TO FOUR AND "HEADWAY" ON AMENDING ARTICLE 17 TO WEED OUT POLITICAL RESOLUTIONS HMG OFFICIALS STATED UK HAS NO PROPOSALS FOR ALTERING COMPLIANCE MACHINERY, AND SHARES US VIEW OF CENTRAL

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IMPORTANCE OF CACR. UK WOULD VIEW ANY PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES IN TERMS OF NO WEAKENING OF CACR.

2. BRITISH ILO WORKER AND EMPLOYER REPS WARMLY WELCOMED BEING INFORMALLY ADVISED OF US VIEWS ON ISSUES STATED REF A. REACTION OF BRITISH WORKER DELEGATE (GLYN LLOYD) REMAINED AS BEFORE, STRESSING (A) IMEC PROPOSALS TACTICALLY AND SUBSTANTIVELY WERE ILL-ADVISED AND CHANGES IN GOVERNMENT GROUP STRUCTURE WOULD SPILL OVER TO UNDERMINE AUTONOMY OF WORKERS GROUP; (B) THAT DISCUSSIONS SHOULD CENTER ON ILO STANDARD SETTING ACTIVITIES AND THEIR SUPERVISION, I.E. COMPLIANCE; (C) THE EXCLUSION OF POLITICAL RESOLUTIONS AND, (D) THE NEED FOR A STRONG PROGRAM OF INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES.

3. UNOFFICIAL CBI REACTIONS (SUBJECT TO CONSULTATION WITH BRITISH EMPLOYER DELEGATE JACK COATES NOW IN GENEVA) WERE ALONG LINES THAT CBI WOULD HAVE PREFERRED NO STRUCTURAL CHANGES, BUT THAT CHANGES IN GOVERNMENT GROUP MAY FORCE EMPLOYERS TO GO ALONG WITH SOME ACCOMMODATION AND CONCESSIONS TO G-77. CBI CHIEF STAFF ADVISER ON ILO STATED BRITISH EMPLOYERS FELT STRONGLY ABOUT INSIS

TENCE ON STRONG COMPLIANCE MACHINERY AND ASSURANCE OF
DUE PROCESS, AND WARMLY PRAISED TONE OF US POSITION AS
WELL CONSTRUED AND RESPONSIBLE WITH WHICH CBI COULD
READILY ASSOCIATE ITSELF. HE SAID CBI CONCERNED THAT
LONGER US STAYED OUT OF ILO, MORE DIFFICULT WOULD
CIRCUMSTANCES BECOME TO CREATE CONDITIONS FOR US RETURN.

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4. HMG, BRITISH WORKER, AND EMPLOYER OFFICIALS KNOW-
LEDGEABLE ABOUT ILO STRESSED IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACHED

TO EXCHANGING VIEWS WITH US REPS IN GENEVA AS NEGOTIA-
TIONS EVOLVE DURING THE TIMEFRAME OF THE GOVERNING
BODY MEETINGS IN GENEVA.
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5. FEBRUARY 22 TUC GENERAL COUNCIL ISSUED FOLLOWING
STATEMENT: QTE - MR. GLYN LLOYD WILL BE THE BRITISH
WORKERS DELEGATE TO THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE
TO BE HELD IN GENEVA FROM JUNE 7-28. MR. FRED DYSON, AN
MR. NORMAN STAGG WILL ACT AS ADVISORS, AND MEMBERS OF
THE GENERAL COUNCIL WILL ALSO BE INVITED TO ATTEND AS
FURTHER ADVISORS. ITEMS ON DOCKS AND ROAD TRANSPORT
ARE TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE CONFERENCE AND INTERESTED
UNIONS ARE TO BE INVITED TO NOMINATE ADVISORS ON THESE
SUBJECTS. THE TUC'S INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE HAVE GIVEN
FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO THE SITUATION AT THE ILO AND
IN PARTICULAR TO THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION
OF THE GOVERNING BODY AND THE POSITION OF ILO FINANCES
FOLLOWING THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE US. THEY REAFFIRMED
THEIR VIEWS THAT PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO SEEKING
TO ACHIEVE OBJECTIVES WHICH COULD LEAD TO THE RESTORA-
TION OF THE EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT IN THE ILO. MR. LLOYD
WILL PUT FORWARD THESE VIEWS IN THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE ILO NOW IN SESSION. UNQTE

6. IN SUPPLEMENTARY REMARKS TO PRESS CARRIED IN
FEBRUARY 23 LONDON TIMES, TUC GENERAL SECRETARY LEN
MURRAY STATED: QTE - WE HAVE LONG TAKEN THE VIEW THAT
THE ILO SHOULD NOT BE A FORUM FOR GREAT POLITICAL DIS-
CUSSIONS WHICH ARE MORE APPROPRIATE TO THE UNITED
NATIONS.

WE BELIEVE THERE HAS BEEN ABUSE OF ILO PROCEDURES
MANY OF THE COMPLAINTS MADE BY THE UNITED STATES IN THE
PAST HAVE BEEN ON ISSUES WHERE WE OURSELVES THOUGHT THAT
THE ILO COULD IMPROVE ITS OPERATIONS. NATURALLY WE WANT
TO SEE THE UNITED STATES BACK IN. UNQTE

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7. COMMENT: IMPLICATION OF TUC STATEMENT IS REAFFIRMA-
TION OF TUC UNHAPPINESS WITH IMEC PROPOSALS AND TACTICS
FOR CHANGING GOVERNING BODY STRUCTURE. GLYN LLOYD IS
STRONG PROPONENT OF THIS POSITION AND WAS OUT FRONT IN
CARRYING IT THROUGH GENERAL COUNCIL. FRED DYSON IS
ALSO MEMBER OF GENERAL COUNCIL (SINCE 1975) AND NORMAN

STAGG IS ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY OF TOM JACKSON'S
UNION OF POST OFFICE WORKERS. DYSON AND STAGG BOTH HAVE
REPUTATIONS IN LABOR PARTY AND TUC AS "RIGHT WINGERS"
WHO WOULD SUPPORT LLOYD.

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